

## **Is It an Emergency?**

Call a Veterinarian if your pet is showing these signs or if you are unsure.

- **Difficulty breathing,**
  - noisy respiration,
  - blue tongue,
  - gasping for breath.
- **Bleeding that does not stop from any part of the body; apply pressure with a clean cloth and go!**
- **Bloated or distended abdomen or swollen or painful abdomen with or without vomiting.**
- **Inability to urinate or move bowels but continues to try or has bloody stool or urine or painful defecation or urination.**
- **Heatstroke**
  - heavy panting
  - extreme weakness
  - body temperature about 104 degrees Fahrenheit.
- **Inability to deliver puppies or kittens, labor contractions for longer than one hour or more than 15 minutes of labor with the fetus or membrane showing.**
- **Loss of balance or consciousness or seizure, including**
  - tremors,
  - coma,
  - staggering,
  - convulsions,
  - sudden blindness,
  - tilting of the head,
  - biting at imaginary objects,
  - sudden changes in disposition such as unusual withdrawal or out-of-character aggressiveness.

- **Pain**, severe or continuous.
- **Major trauma**, injury, or shock from
  - falls,
  - vehicle accidents,
  - wounds,
  - cuts,
  - broken bones
- **shows signs of:**
  - weakness,
  - collapse,
  - shallow breathing,
  - rapid heartbeat,
  - bewildered appearance,
  - dilated pupils.
- **Ingested poison**; bring the container or the commercial or chemical name of the product or a list of ingredients if you have it.
- **Penetrating wounds anyplace**, but especially in the chest or abdomen.
- **Vomiting or diarrhea with blood or violent episodes.**
- **Lameness and cannot bear any weight on the leg.**
- Any other signs that look serious, such as:
  - eye problems,
  - severe itching with self-mutilation,
  - severe hives